Soviet Writer Suggests Peking Role in JFK Death

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MOSCOW—A Soviet writer suggested yesterday that Lee Harvey Oswald was a Chinese agent and that his assassination of President Kennedy was planned jointly by Peking and the mafia.

The link between China and the U.S. underworld, novelist Yulian Semyonov theorizes, was Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who shot Oswald two days after the president's death to prevent him from revealing the plot.

The new Soviet version, one of several that have been publicized in Moscow over the past 15 years, appears in the first of a series of articles by Semyonov, who has written extensively about Soviet police and intelligence agents, in the weekly Ogonyok.

Publication of his theory, which he partly bases on information gathered during a visit to Dallas, marks the first time the Soviet Union has sought to implicate China in the killing, which Russian commentators have earlier put down to a right-wing plot.